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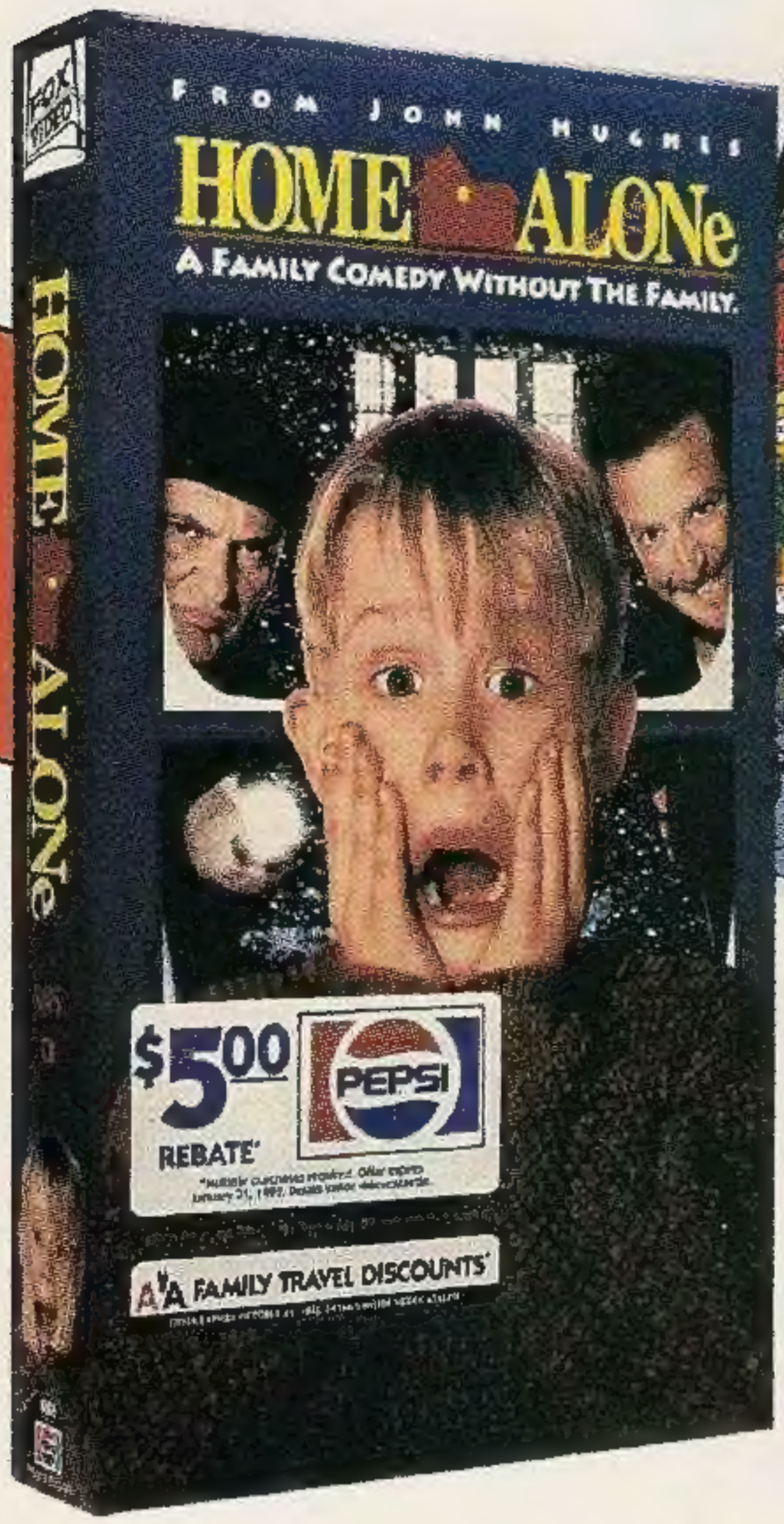

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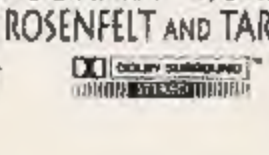

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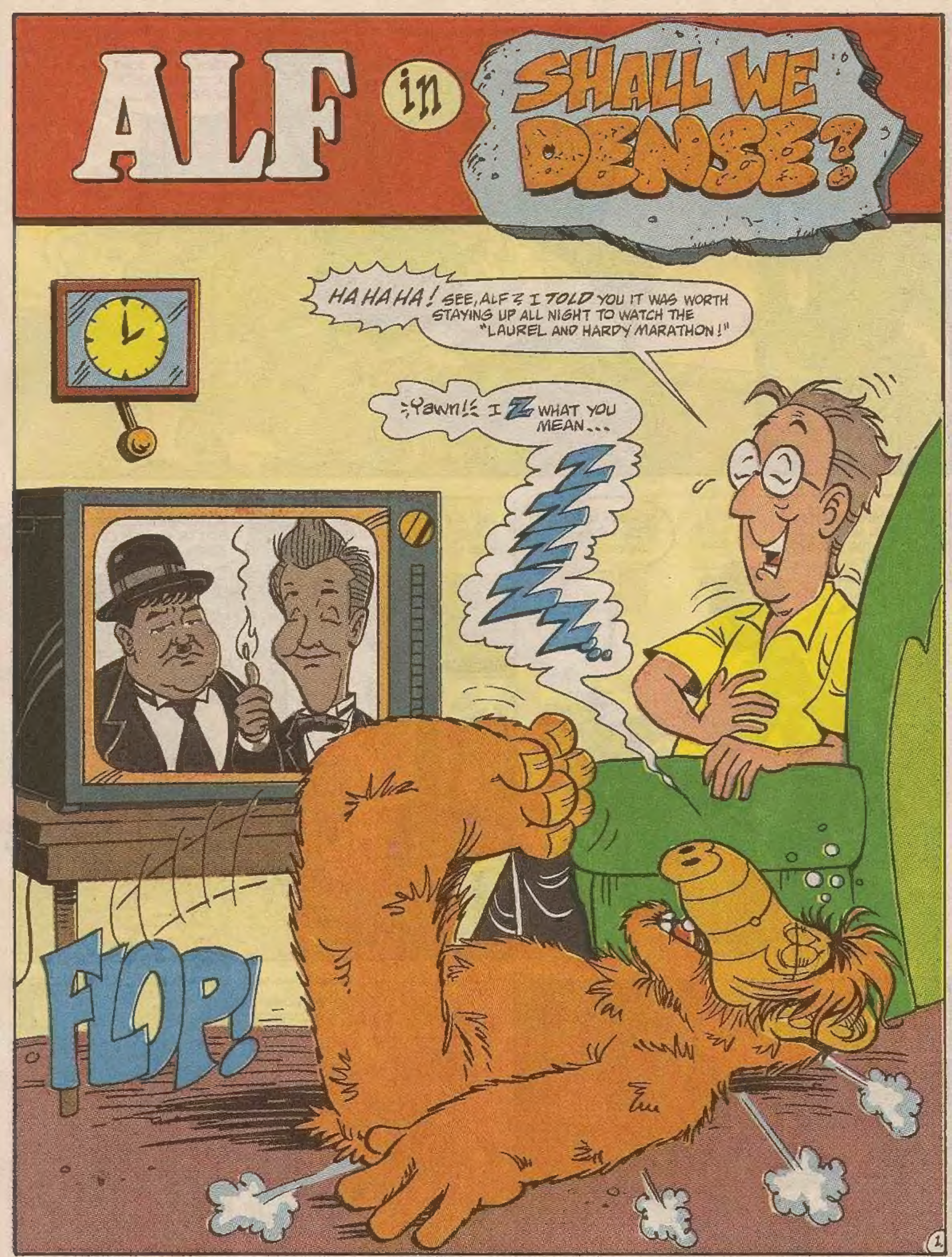

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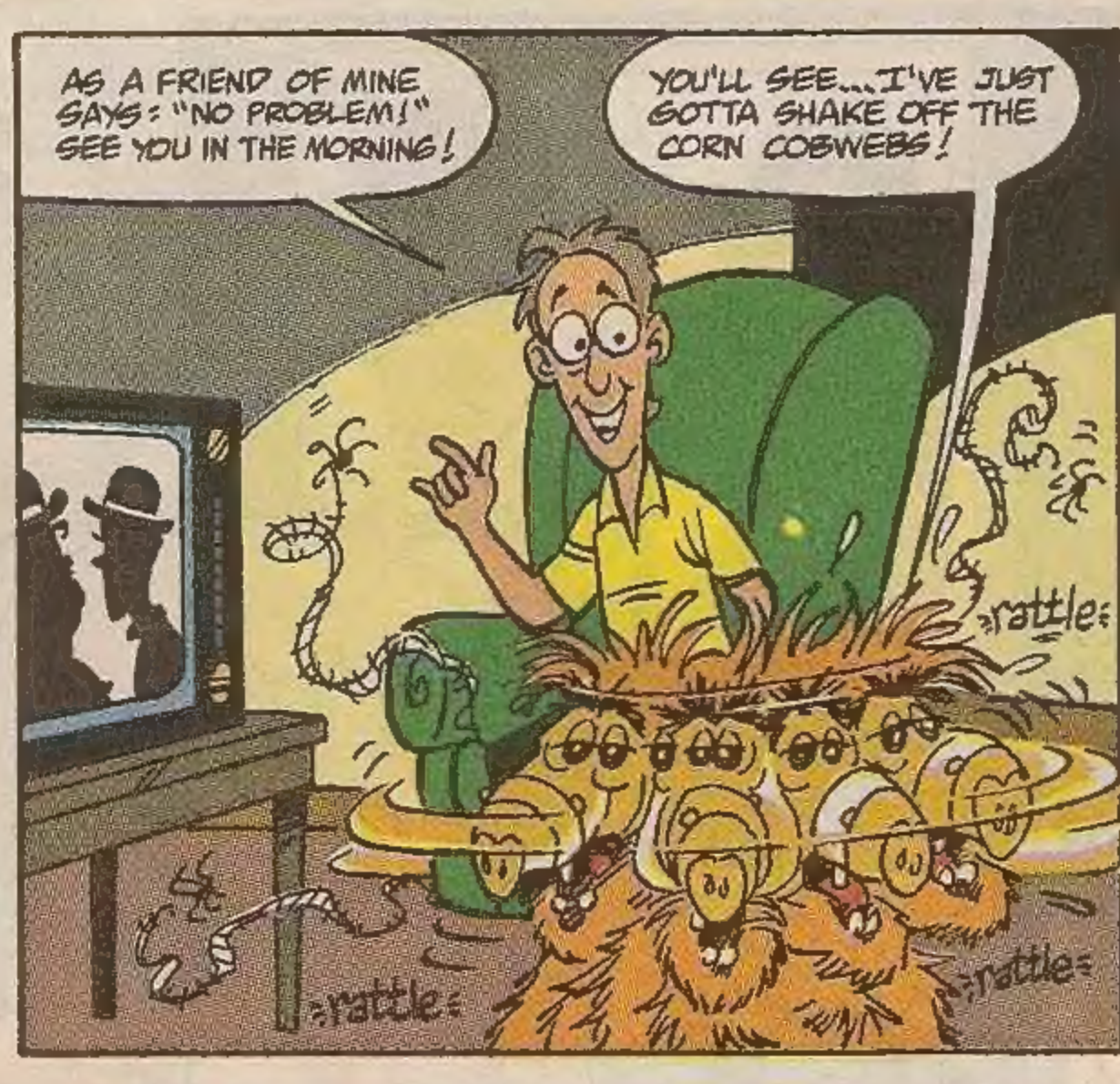

*WHERE ALF USED TO SLEEP BEFORE MOVING TO THE ATTIC.--Editor

A NICE, BRISK CUP OF GRAVI-TEA WILL KEEP ME AWEEK FOR A WAKE...er... AWAKE FOR A WEEK!
Gravi-Tea

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YAWN
I BETTER SIT DOWN...LIKE THEY SAY... "A WATCHED BOIL NEVER POPS..." OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT...:Yawn...:

:Yawn: OH...I SHOULDA BROUGHT SOMETHING TO READ WHILE I WAIT...

:Sigh: I SUPPOSE THIS BOX WILL SUFFICE...HMMM... "WARNING:

THE STURGEON GENERAL :Yawn: ADVISES AGAINST USING THIS PRODUCT OUTSIDE OF :Yawn: MELMAC'S ATMOSPHERE...ZZZ
ZZ
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ZZZZZ--HMMM! "OFF-PLANET CONDITIONS MAY INCREASE :YAAAAWWWN: THE TEA'S DENSITY-ENHANCING PROPERTIESSZZZZ
3.

HOMINA HOMINA HOO HA! I REALLY NODDED OFF THAT TIME!

AHHH... TO QUOTE MY FAVORITE LINE FROM THE SPICEMAN COMETH: "THYMING IS EVERYTHING!"

MOMENTS LATER:
ALF? I THOUGHT YOU WENT TO BED!
NO WAY, WILLIE WONKA! I'M IN THIS FOR THE LONG U-HAUL!

GLAD TO HAVE YOUR COMPANY... MMM... WHAT SMELLS SO GOOD?
TEA MINUS TWO SECONDS...
Shlorp!

AH! I'D FORGOTTEN WHAT AN UNUSUAL TASTE THAT HAS... SENSUAL, YET RICH... SUBSTANTIAL... ONE MIGHT EVEN SAY... HEEAAVVYY

ALF!
zing...
CRUMCH!
4.

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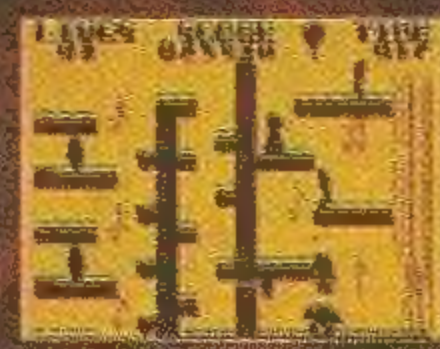

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HOLY ABALONE! THE GRAVI-TEA'S MADE MY MOLECULES SO DENSE THAT I'M PLUNGING THROUGH THE CRUST OF THE EARTH!

I'M PENETRATING LAYER UPON LAYER OF SUB-SURFACE ROCK!

I'M GOING TO NEED HELP PLANNING MY ESCAPE STRATA-GEY!

WILLIE! WHAT'S ALL THE SHOUTING ABOUT?

I-I DON'T KNOW! ONE SECOND I WAS WATCHING T.V. WITH ALF, THEN HE DRANK A CUP OF TEA AND DROPPED THROUGH THE FLOOR!

HUH?

WHAT?!

THIS CUP OF TEA?

YES! C'MON, GANG... LET'S SEE IF HE HURT HIMSELF WHEN HE LANDED IN THE BASEMENT!

ALF!

ALF?

UH, OH...

OH, DEAR...

QUICK!

OH NO!

HE WENT THROUGH THE CELLAR FLOOR, TOO! ALF! ALF!

BRIAN--STOP! YOU COULD FALL INTO THAT HOLE!

WILLIE! KIDS! I FOUND SOMETHING IN THE KITCHEN!

EVEN THE BAD GUYS LOOK UP TO HIM.

Where you gonna hide from a guy like Spider-Man®? He's on your left. He's on your right. He's on the wall. He's on the ceiling. And now, he's on Genesis.™

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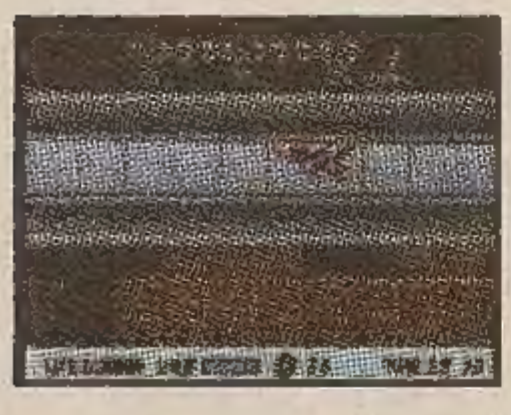

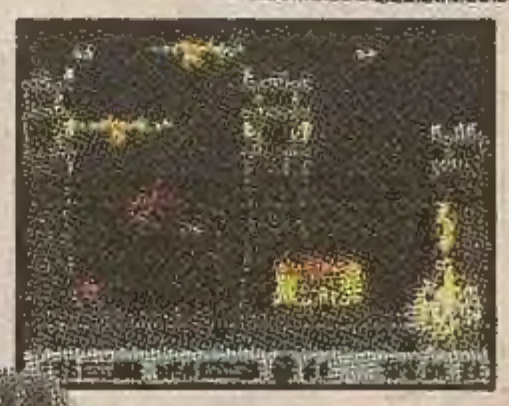

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MEANWHILE, ALF'S DESCENT FINALLY STOPS...
YEOW!
RIGHT ON MY CHRISSY HIND END!

SWELL! THE HOLE I MADE IN THIS CAVERN ROOF IS MORE INACESSIBLE THAN MICHAEL JACKSON!

LOOKS LIKE I MAY BE HERE A WHILE...BETTER SCOPE OUT THE FOOD SITUATION! HMMMM... NOTHING AROUND BUT A BUNCH OF VOLCANIC ROCKS...

CROUCH!
OUCH! STALE ONES, TOO!

WELL, I GUESS I DESERVE TO BE PUMICED!! HA! I KILL ME!!
PRECISELY WHAT WE INTEND TO DO...
doink!

AT THAT MOMENT:

OKAY--WE'VE DEDUCED THAT ALF HAS ONCE AGAIN GOTTEN HIMSELF INTO TROUBLE BY NOT FOLLOWING DIRECTIONS...

BUT HOW ARE WE GOING TO BRING HIM HOME?

BRIAN, WHAT DO YOU THINK?... BRIAN?...

BRIAN!

OH, DEAR...HE SAID HE WAS GOING TO GET SOMETHING...

YOU DON'T SUPPOSE...

QUICK! BACK TO THE CELLAR!

EEK!

LOOK! A ROPE TIED TO THE WATER HEATER!

AND A NOTE ON THE FLOOR!

"Dear Family-- Dad was right when he said I could fall in the hole... I'm the only one who can fit and go after ALF! -- BRIAN"

SNIFFLE

BRIAN JOSEPH TANNER! YOU GET BACK UP HERE, NOW!

NOW--NOW--NOW-NOW-NOW-NOW-NOW-NOW-NOW.

SORRY, MOM...THIS IS ONE TIME I CAN'T SIT BY AND WATCH ALF GET THE SHAFT!

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SPEAKING OF ALF...

GRATED CHEESER'S GHOST! WHAT AN AMAZING DISCOVERY! HUMANOID STATUES THAT MUST'VE BEEN SCULPTED BY SOME ANCIENT CIVILIZATION!

AND THEY'RE IN GOOD SHAPE, TOO!

KNOCK KNOCK

WHO'S THERE?

GADZOOKS! THEY'RE ALIVE!!

GADZOOKS THEY'RE ALIVE WHO?

SEIZE HIM!

OW! HEY, I'M A GUEST HERE! HAVEN'T YOU EVER HEARD OF DIPLOMATIC IMPUNITY?

SILENCE, INTERLOPER!

BIT!

WHO!

BITE!

SOK!

TAKE HIM TO OUR LEADER!

OREO-YO-OH!...OREO-YO-OH!...OREO--

OH, SURE! DISTRACT ME BY SINGING ABOUT COOKIES! NO FAIR!

YO-OH!...

OREO-YO-OH!

8.

SOON:

SURFACE DWELLER! YOU DARE TRESPASS ON LAVANIAN LAND! I, KING IGNEOUS, SHALL TELL YOU OUR STORY ...

DO IT IN OUTLINE FORM, OKAY, IGGY ~ WE'RE TRYING TO MOVE THINGS ALONG...

growl...

VERY WELL... I. HISTORY OF LAVANIA

A. CENTURIES AGO, LIVED UP ABOVE
B. DRIVEN UNDERGROUND BY HUMANS
C. EVOLVED INTO ROCK-MEN (AND WOMEN)

II. CURRENT STATUS

A. THIRST FOR REVENGE
B. LACK TECHNOLOGY TO REACH SURFACE

III. RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

A. MODERN FURRY HUMAN ARRIVES, PROVIDING US A TUNNEL
B. INVASION WILL COMMENCE

HOLY SMOKE DETECTOR! HE THINKS HUMANS EVOLVED TO LOOK LIKE ME!

TAKE HEED, KING IGNEOUS! OUR WORLD ABOVE MAY NOT BE *WORTH* CONQUERING!

THE SKY CHOKES WITH VILE POLLUTION! THE RIVERS FLOW FULL OF TOXINS! THE SUBURBS BLOAT WITH CONDOS!

NOT TO MENTION THE FEROCIOUS, SWOLLEN-HEADED BEASTS THAT STALK THE CITIES... WE CALL THEM "PROFESSIONAL ATHLETES."

WOOF...

MOO...

SNAUT...

AND YES, THO' MANY THINK IT GONE FOR GOOD, THE RETURN OF *DISCO* IS STILL A POSSIBILITY!

SO, HEED MY ADVICE AND DO NOT GO GENTLE INTO THAT GOOD EARTH!

BAH! WHAT DO WE CARE ~ OUR WARRIORS WILL OVERRUN THE PLANET AND RE-CREATE IT OUR OWN WAY! GET MY POINT ~

~OUCH~ INDEED!

SNICKER...

NO WAY, PAL! YOU'VE GOT *ROCKS* IN YOUR HEAD!

EH ~

THAT VOICE! CAN IT BE 'B'~ ...OH, BABY!

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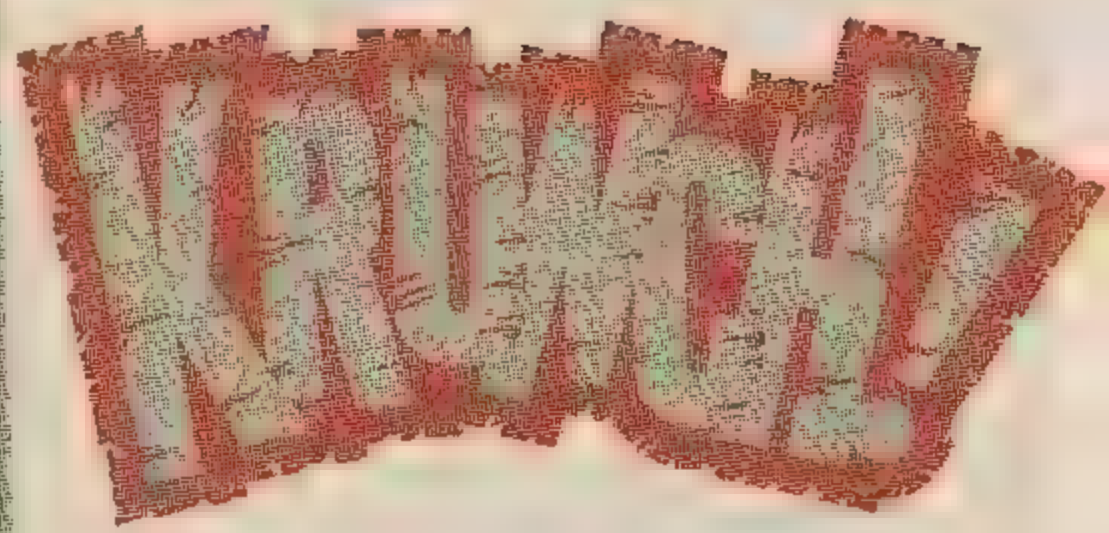

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SWOOP!
ALF ALWAYS DID LOVE MY EARLY SPIDER-MAN COMICS... AND THAT GOES DITKO FOR ME!
SWAK!
gung!
YEAH!

DOCTOR HERRINGBONE, I PRESUME?
GLAD TO SEE YOU, BRIAN... THIS'LL EVEN UP THE ODDS!
Plunk!

YEAH--INSTEAD OF A THOUSAND AGAINST ONE, IT'S A THOUSAND AGAINST TWO!
LET'S MAKE LIKE A BANANA AND SPLIT!
RUMBLE

C'MON, ALF... LET'S GO!! WHAT'S HOLDING YOU UP?
I DON'T THINK YOU REALLY WANT ME TO ANSWER THAT...
GO AHEAD... MAGMA DAY!

OW! MAKE THEM STOP IT, ALF!
SORRY, KID... THE EDITORS CAN'T GO THREE PAGES WITHOUT A FIGHT SCENE!
HIT!
THUD!
POW!
PUMMEL!
PUNCH!
10

SOON:
HAW!
BEHOLD, SURFACERS! THANKS TO YOU, THE PATH IS CLEARED FOR OUR INVASION FORCE TO RISE UP AND CRUSH THE PUNY HUMAN RACE TO GRAVEL!
ALF, THIS IS HORRIBLE! THE FIRST PLACE THEY'LL REACH WILL BE OUR HOUSE!
MAYBE YOUR MOM CAN SEAL UP THE HOLE WITH HER IMPENETRABLE MEATLOAF!
BUT WHAT ABOUT US?
WAAAH!
DON'T WORRY, BOY... IT'LL ALL BE OVER SOON... AS FOR YOUR ALIEN FRIEND, HOWEVER...
YOU FIEND-- YOU WOULDN'T--
YES... MANY EXPERIMENTS WILL BE PERFORMED ON YOU... ESPECIALLY THAT "DISCO" YOU MENTIONED!... BUT FOR NOW-- SOUND THE ATTACK WHISTLE!!
WAAH! ALF!
NOOooOOoooO!
WHEEEEEEEE
ALF!
ALF!
NOOOOOO!
WHEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE
NOOOOOOOOOO!!
ALF!
ALF!
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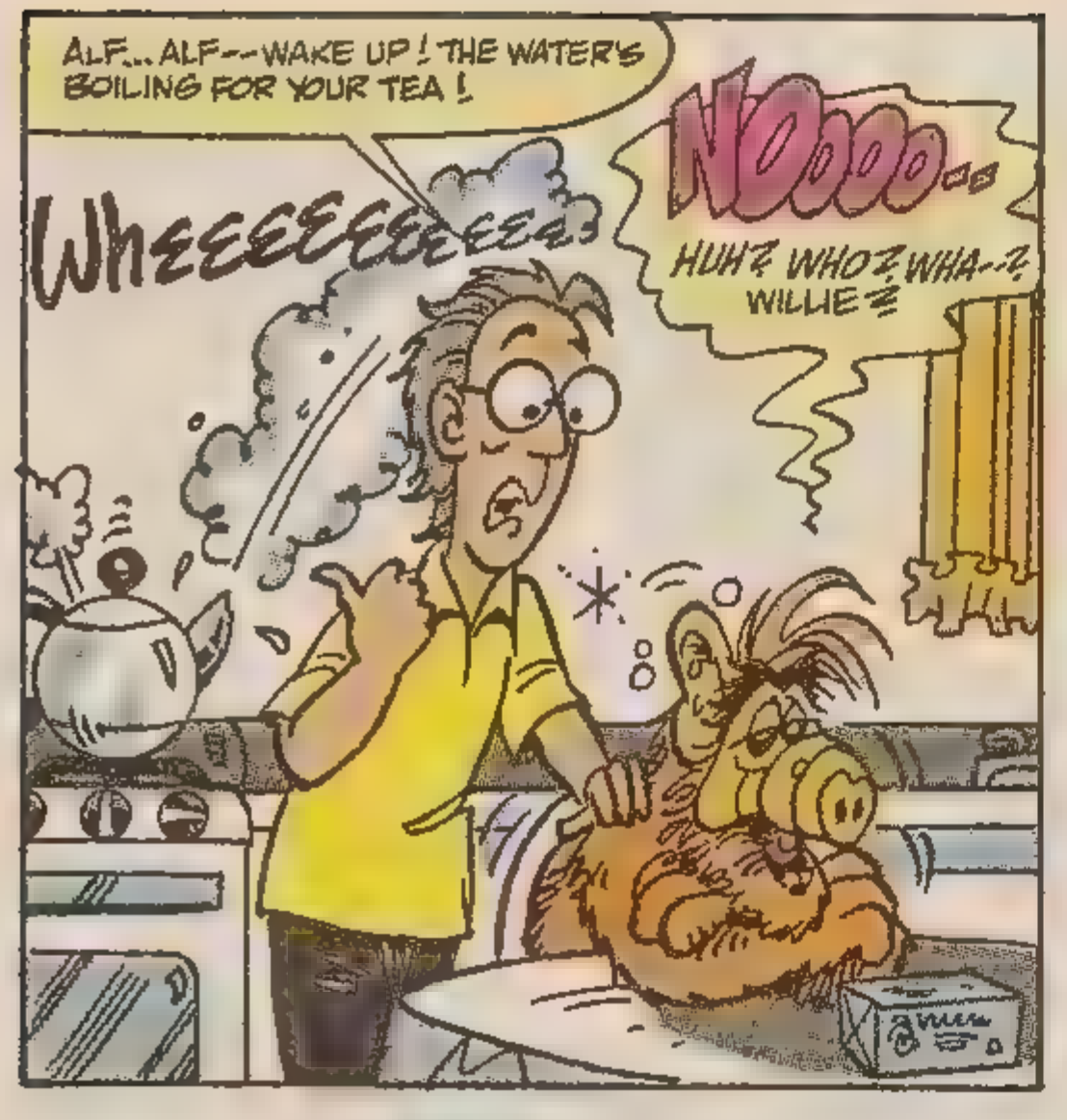
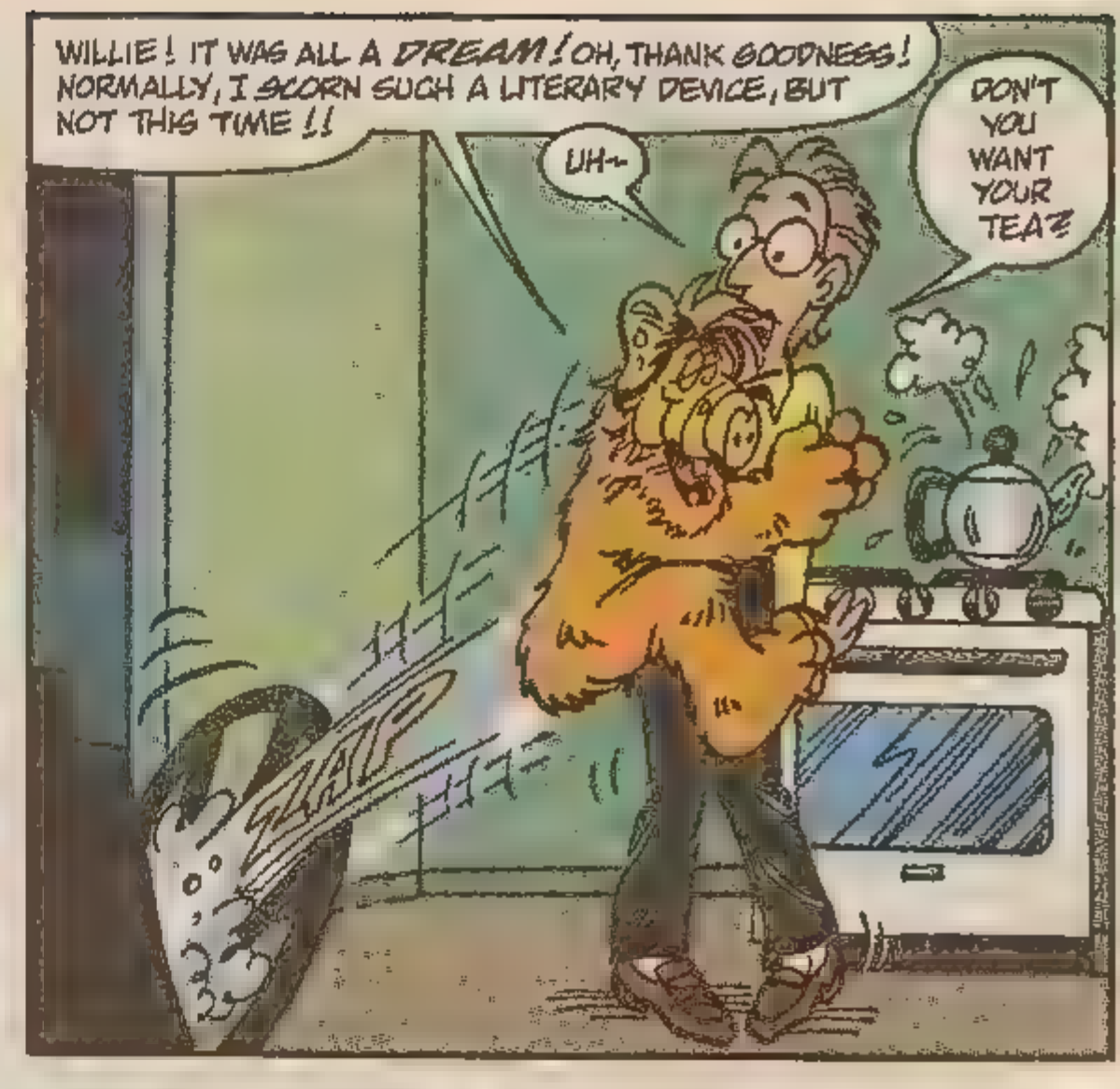
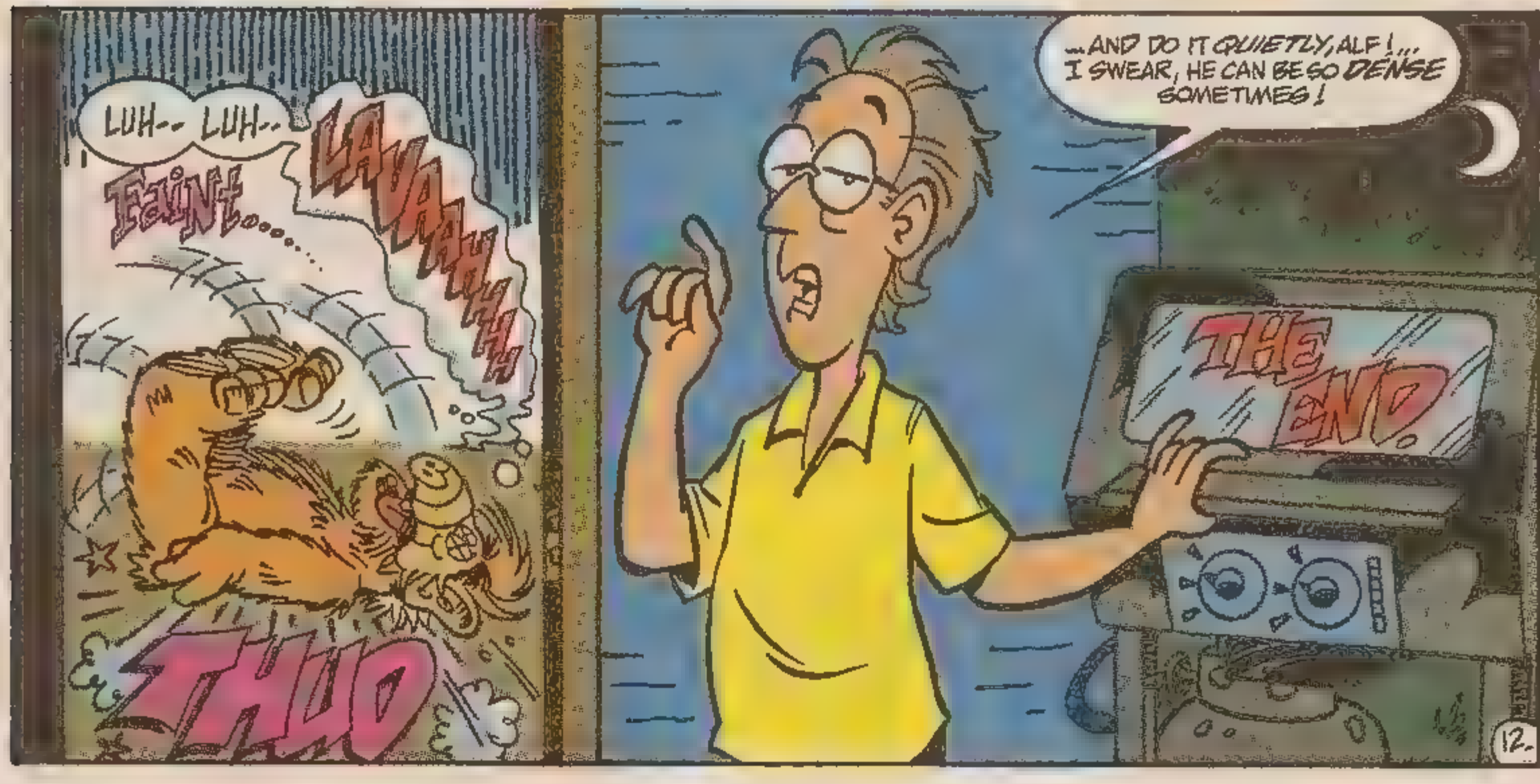

ALF... ALF--WAKE UP! THE WATER'S BOILING FOR YOUR TEA!
WHEEEEEEEEEE
NOOOO
HUH? WHO? WHA--? WILLIE?


WILLIE! IT WAS ALL A DREAM! OH, THANK GOODNESS! NORMALLY, I SCORN SUCH A LITERARY DEVICE, BUT NOT THIS TIME!!
UH--
DON'T YOU WANT YOUR TEA?

NO, NO, 46,923,875, 118,762,416,953,638, 247,804,765½ TIMES NO!
GOOD! CAUSE I'VE GOT AN IDEA... HOW ABOUT A MIDNIGHT BARBEQUE BEFORE THE NEXT LAUREL AND HARDY MOVIE COMES ON?
Gravi-Tea

NOW YOU'RE TALKING, WILL O' TREE!
OKAY... I'LL GET THE GAS GRILL--YOU GRAB THAT NEW PACKAGE OF LAVA ROCKS!


LUH-- LUH--
FAINT.....
LAVAHHHH
THUD
...AND DO IT QUIETLY, ALF!... I SWEAR, HE CAN BE SO DENSE SOMETIMES!
THE END
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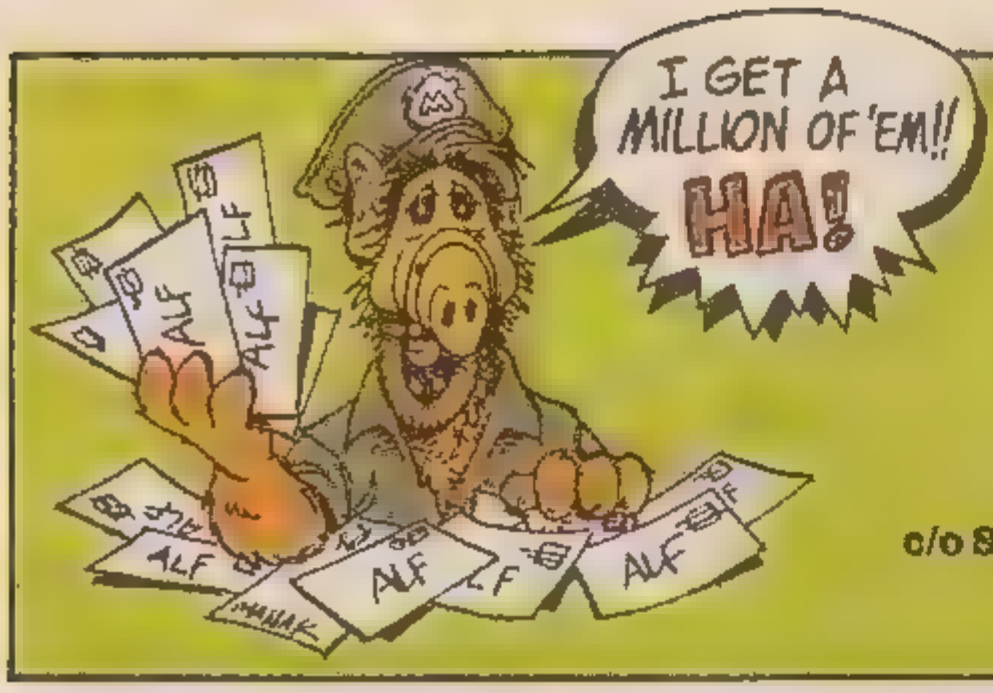

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Hey, kids—Since we print your name, city, and state, please include them on your letters.

Dear ALF,

It occurs to me that you need some reassurance about your nose, especially after your latest run-in with the Alien Task Force. "Proboscis Profundo," indeed! I've seen pictures of Melmacians with small noses, and frankly, they look ridiculous. A nose like yours, however . . . ah, how different. Truly, a handsome honker. Just exactly the right size and very nicely shaped. A Melmonument of nasal nobility, and a heroic hooter. Yea, verily, a nose like yours is the mark of a wise Melman.

Of course, you're not the only gent who has a fair-sized nose. Take a look at Capt. Jean-Luc Picard (Captain, U.S.S. Enterprise NCC-1701-D). An *aristocratic* nose.

Mel, I've got a pretty good-sized hooter myself! You don't hear me complaining, do you? ALF, be proud of your nose. No Earthling could get away with wearing a nose like yours.

May the great Bird of the Galaxy keep you from harm.

Don Lewis
Fortuna, CA

In "Vanity, Thy Name Is ALF," ALF #20, we saw ALF's proboscis nonpareil reduced to schnozzola small fry. You're right, Don, it isn't a pretty sight.

Dear ALF,

I love your comics. Is it possible to buy your first issue? "Return of Rhonda" isn't around here.

I love your comics very much, much, much, munch. I mean much. I'm your best alien.

Louis Plymate
Hugo, OK

The first issue of ALF has become quite valuable, Louis. We believe many people ate the comic mistaking it for a Melmacian delicacy. But you can still buy back issues of ALF (and other STAR titles). Certain companies specialize in selling back issues of comics. Many of them advertise in regular Marvel Comics. Also, the ALF bookshelf edition which was recently published reprints the first three issues of ALF. Ask your newsstand and comic book store manager if he or she has any left. They sell like hot slug cakes, you know!

Hi, People,

Though everyone who writes claims to be the #1 ALF fan—I actually am. How many of you readers know, for example, that Skip and Rhonda actually made an appearance on the TV show (not cartoon) in the show's first season? (Episode #7) And that ALF's voice was quite different in the first season?

As a true ALF fan, I'd like all true ALF fans to write to NBC TV and ask them to keep this show on the air—the best thing to hit the TV screen in 15 years. I have every episode on tape — 100 so far. I also have all the cartoons.

Keep up the good work!

Eddie Doran
Ontario, Canada

Well, Eddie, we must admit you are an ALF Fan Laureate if ever there was one. (Thanks for the petitions.) But you seem to have some competition from Richard, below.

Dear ALF,

I am your best fan because I have lots of your stuff. The things I have are comic books, ALF cards, ALF Posters, stuffed ALFs. I call each and every one of them a certain name.

I made a planet called "Z" where you are Mayor of Zackron. We have eight days on "Z". We call one of the days Shumday in honor of the Shumways. What do you think of this?

I hated all sports until I heard of Boullabaseball. I think that it would be fun to play.

My teacher thinks that I am obsessed with you. She's right. I am. If I am not your greatest fan, who is? I will challenge all of them. Trust me.

Richard McNeill
Midland, TX

Let us know when the playoff between you and Eddie is going to take place, Richard. Long live #1 ALF fans!

Dear ALFmeister,

I have a few questions to ask you. Is your blood green or pink with purple polka dots? Or both? Or is it a completely different color? Do you have six stomachs or eight? How many hearts do you have? How many years is a Melmacian's life span?

Also, did you have anything like the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles on Melmac? Well, if you did that might be a good idea for a Melmac Flashback.

I think you're the coolest around.

Jason Richards
Minot, ND

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles on Melmac? What a great idea! In fact, it's so great that Michael Gallagher did it in ALF Annual #3. Earthlings are introduced for the first time to the New Age Melmutant Abstract Turtles. If you have any more terrific ideas, write to us again, Jason!

Dear ALF,

My 24-month old son is really a big fan of yours. One of his first few words was "ALF." He watches your show every week. His birthday was in July and I had decorations, cake, etc. with ALF. For the future, I need gift ideas. Please send anything you may have as far as a catalogue.

Gwen Blankenship
Columbus, OH

Sorry, Gwen, we don't have catalogues for ALF memorabilia because we don't manufacture or market that, but can we suggest a terrific gift subscription of ALF comics? Comics are a great tool for teaching kids how to read. Happy Belated Birthday!

Dear STAR,

I love the ALF comics. I'm probably one of ALF's #1 fans. I've missed a crucial part of ALF's life (issues #1-3).

Anyway, the art is great.

Oh, yes, let's see more Gorman, and the X-Melmen and also the Fantastic Fur. Speaking of the Fantastic Fur, whatever happened to another STAR superhero, He-Man. I see Mattel is bringing him back. Are you? Well, until ALF joins G.I. Joe, Make Mine MARVEL. (Hey, that's not a bad idea!)

Brock Genevro
St. Marys, PA

Thanks for noticing how great the art is, Brock. We have Dave Manak, Rusty Haller and Marie Severin to thank for it. And we'll pass your ideas on to ALF's great writer, Michael Gallagher. (We're expecting a Pulitzer Prize any day now.)

ALF IN FEEL DOVE DREAMS

(SAY IT OUT LOUD!)

AW, C'MON, BRIAN. DO IT FOR *US*...

LET'S TRY IT ONE MORE TIME, SON... PLEASE? WE DON'T ASK MUCH...

WHOA! POWER DOWN THOSE NUCLEAR FAMILY PARENTAL UNITS!!

:sigh:

Cat Fancy MAGAZINE

GALLAGHER HALLER SEVER IN

DON'T YOU KNOW WHAT THAT KIND OF PRESSURE PUT ON A YOUNG ATHLETE CAN LEAD TO? ALLOW ME TO ELUCIDATE...

...AND WHERE ARE *YOU* GOING, JUNIOR? THIS MELMAC FLASHBACK IS FOR EVERYBODY...

FHUP!

VOOP!

ZHUO!

SNAG

1.

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WOLVERINE

Press: 1
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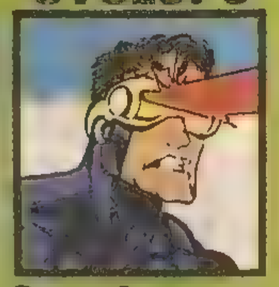
Power: Slices through any surface with adamantium claws

ICEMAN

Press: 2
Time: Between 1-3 sec.
Power: Shoots subzero cold blasts

CYCLOPS



Press: 3
Time: Between 3-5 sec.
Power: Shoots optic force blasts

BANSHEE

Press: 4
Time: Between 4-6 sec.
Power: Vanquishes enemies with sonic scream

PRIZE CLAIM

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2 The game begins August 1, 1991 and continues through November 1, 1991

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4 There is no minimum age requirement to play the game Anyone who is under 18 years of age must get parental permission before calling the game All appropriate prizes won by persons under 18 years of age shall be awarded in their name to a parent or legal guardian

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BACK ON MY PLANET, YOUNG BOYS (34-62) WERE URGED TO JOIN THE GRIDDLE LEAGUE AND PLAY A SIMPLIFIED VERSION OF MELMAC'S NATIONAL PASTIME... BOUILLABASEBALL!

NICE SHAG, LOU!

TODAY, I CONSIDER MYSELF THE LUCKIEST MELMAN ALIVE!

TING

SWOK!

WHOOPEE CUSHION

THE FEW RULES OF THE GAME WERE RELAXED EVEN FURTHER TO INSURE THAT A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL THE BOYS...(GIRLS WERE NOT ALLOWED TO PLAY...)

C.

CHAW! CHAW! CHAW!

A.

1. INSTEAD OF THE TRADITIONAL ORNAMENTAL BATS (A.), EACH PLAYER WAS ISSUED AN OVERSIZED KITCHEN GRIDDLE! (B.)

-And-

2. RATHER THAN HITTING AND FIELDING SLIPPERY FISH (C.), THE BOYS USED STICKY, GOOEY WAFFLE BATTER! (D.)

(VISUAL AIDS PROVIDED BY GARY COOPERSTOWN HALL OF FLAME-BROILED.)

B.

D.

COACHES WERE CHOSEN, UNIFORMS WERE ISSUED AND GAMES WERE SCHEDULED. ALL IN THE SPIRIT OF GOOD, CLEAN FUN...

BATTER UP!!

GOOD GAME, WILL!

GOOD GAME, CLARK!

SCORE

	1	2	3	4	5
KNWS					
HORS D' OEURVES					

OUT

BALL STRI

AND IT MIGHT HAVE WORKED OUT THAT WAY, IF NOT FOR...

GAP!

OH, NO!...IT'S THEM!!

AIEEEEEE-E!! PARENTS!!!

2.

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GRIDDLE LEAGUE GAMES BECAME A SHOWCASE FOR PARENTAL MISCONDUCT... BERATING THE COACHES...

THIS PIE CHART PROVES YOU AIN'T BEEN PLAYIN' MY KID! WOTTAYA SAY TO THAT?!

I'LL HAVE A PIECE AFTER THE GAME...

HARRASSING THE UMPIRES...

GOSH! WHY DO YOU PUT UP WITH THIS?

I MAKE A KILLING AT THE RECYCLING STATION!

YER A BUM!

BUY SOME GLASSES!!

BUT WORST OF ALL WAS THE STRESS THEY PUT ON THEIR OWN CHILDREN!

YOU MAKE AN ERROR AND YOU'LL REALLY GET PUNISHED... NO CHOCOLATE COVERED SLUGS FOR A WEEK!!

GET A HIT! LOOK AT HOW YOUR STATS ARE DROPPING!!

GRIDDLE LEAGUE! SHNOOKS VS. SHMOES

MY KID'S GONNA BE THE NEXT JOSÉ ALUMINUM CANSECO...

GLORG!

YOU MAY BE RIGHT!

GRRR-*FANS!

SPLAT!

NEVERTHELESS, EVERY FATHER DREAMED OF COACHING A TEAM... INCLUDING MY DAD...

ALL RIGHT! THE LEAGUE'S EXPANDING! I'M IN!

AND SINCE MY FRIENDS AND I WERE JUST COMING OF AGE, HE RECRUITED HIS TEAM FROM OUR NEIGHBORHOOD...

I WANT A GUARANTEED FIVE YEAR CONTRACT!

A NO-CUT CLAUSE OR I FILE FOR FREE AGENCY!

N-N-NO RESTRICTIONS ON MY ENDORSEMENTS!

SIGNE KIDS TODAY...

'AN FWEE ITHE CWEAM AN BALL GIRLTH WEAWIN' B.KINITH AN...

THREE MOONS ROSTER

3.

AT FIRST, LIKE MOST NEW CLUBS, WE WERE TERRIBLE... BUT WITH WEEKS OF PRACTICE, WE GOT WORSE!

NO, NO, GORDON! GET UNDER IT, SON!

SPLOW!

HMM...THAT'S MORE LIKE IT...

...SORT OF...

SPLUG!

WE QUICKLY BECAME THE LEAGUE DOORMAT!

SIGH: THAT'S TEN SHUTOUTS IN A ROW!

AT LEAST WE'RE CONSISTENT!

W-WE'RE SO DEEP IN THE CELLAR I G-GOT MOLD ON MY F-FEET!

THAT'S ENOUGH, BOYS! INFIELD DRILLS TOMORROW!

THREE MOONS STADIUM

SCORE:

TATER TOTS

THREE MOON

TILT

THE NEXT DAY!

MY FATHER SAYS YOUR FATHER DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO COACH!

AH, YER MOTHER WEARS AIR JORDAN ARMY BOOTS!

OWI

OKAY, GUYS! LET'S-- HEY! WHO'S THAT IN THE OUTFIELD?!

COACH! TOSS ME A LONG ONE!

IT'S SOME NEW KID!

I NEVER SAW HIM BEFORE!

COULD BE A SPY FROM ANOTHER TEAM!

G'WAN-- BEAT IT!

I'LL GET RID OF HIM, GANG... CATCH THIS, WISE GUY!...

MY MELMICKEY MANTLE MOONSHOT !!
WOW! LOOK AT IT GO !
THAT KID'LL NEVER CATCH IT !!
BUT LOOK! HE'S GONNA TRY!
WOW! WHAT F-FORM... WHAT G-GRACE!
H-HE'S SCALING THE WALL !!

AN INCREDIBLE BACKHAND GRAB !!
GROOT!
NOTHIN' I CAN'T TEACH THE REST OF YOU GUYS... IF THERE'S ROOM ON YOUR ROSTER...

Sputter... stammer... gurgle...
HOLY RIGATONI! HE WANTS TO BE ON *OUR* TEAM !!
AT LAST! A FRANCHISE PLAYER!
C'MON, MR. SHLMWAY, SIGN 'YM UP!
STAMPEDE!!

HI-- I'M GORDON. THE TEAM CAPTAIN... BUT ONLY BECAUSE MY DAD'S THE COACH!
OH YEAH!
NICE TO MEET YOU ALL... CALL ME *RON* !!
RIGHT ON!
THREE MOONS ON THE RISE!
TOWN-AWOUND TIME!
WELCOME TO THE CLUB, RON!

SURE ENOUGH, WITH RON LEADING US, THE TEAM BEGAN THE MOST AMAZING COMEBACK IN GRIDDLE LEAGUE HISTORY...

RON-NIE! RON-NIE! RON-NIE! RON-NIE! RON-NIE! RON-NIE! RON-NIE! RON-NIE!

SPORTS: THREE MOONS FINALLY WIN ONE! "IT'S THE END OF THE WORLD" ALL THE PREDICTS BLURBED

EXTRA: THREE MOONS' WIN STREAK REACHES TWELVE! RON

ZAP!

POW!

YIPE! AN UNASSISTED TRIPLE-DECKER PLAY!!

THREE MOONS	41	97	83	49	67
ALL THE REST	0	2	0	1	½

The NATIONAL: GRIDDLE LEAGUE BREEDS FUTURE SUPER STAR!! RON

CHRIS FURMAN HERE... SPEAKING WITH THE LATEST SPORTS PHENOM... SAY SOMETHING, RONNIE BOY...

GET THAT [illegible] THING OUTTA MY FACE!

ISN'T HE CUTE?

VOX POPULUS: WORST to 1st! 3 MOONS IN PLAYOFFS... RON

RON-NIE! RON-NIE! RON-NIE! RON-NIE!

ESPN LSMFT OBGYN NKOT

THIS IS RON... I CAN'T COME TO THE PHONE. BUT IF YOU'RE ANOTHER AGENT, LEAVE YOUR NAME, NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE AT THE BEEP...

CLIQUE...

THE KID HITS ANOTHER "GRAND SLAM..." LURP!

THIS IS THE BIG GAME, GUYS... LET'S GO KICK SOME BATTER!

LOCKER ROOM RULES

YEAH!

WHOO!

GO FOR IT!

ALL THE WAY!

NOT ONLY CAN RONNIE PLAY, BUT HE SERVES UP A MEAN MONTAGE!

Bluntry: RONNIE TAKES 3 MOONS TO FINAL!! SPORTSMASTER HOSPITALIZED FURMAN

NEWSPAPER BILL:

TAP TAP

6.

BULLPEN BULLETINS

STAN'S SOAPBOX

Hi, Heroes

I've got a Hulk-sized problem that needs your indulgence! There's a great new book coming off the presses which I know you won't want to miss. But if I urge you to buy it, it'll seem as if I'm huckstering a product, and you know that Mr. Sincerity would never ever be guilty of such a thing! Yet, if I don't tell you, I'll be doing the hapless hordes of Marveldom a grave and irrevokable injustice!

Therefore, I'll simply tip you off to this incredibly wonderful publication without mentioning anything about your buying it. The act of purchasing is up to you, while the blameless act of enlightenment is my responsibility! A sneaky solution perhaps, but we live in a savage world!

So here's the skinny — and it's a blast! Harry N. Abrams, one of the world's most prestigious publishers of art books, has just produced a mammoth-sized, super deluxe, full-color, four hundred pages-plus history of Marvel Comics called (logically enough) "MARVEL, Five Fabulous Decades of the World's Greatest Comics"! Not only will you find it in thousands of comics shops, but also wherever books are sold in the finest and most exclusive book stores throughout the world!

Profusely illustrated and lavishly colored, expensive but worth every penny, "MARVEL" will introduce you to virtually every artist, writer and editor who's ever contributed to the glory of comicdom's most honored bullpen! Additionally, you'll see examples of artwork which were formerly available only in select galleries and private collections!

Unquestionably the greatest gift for anyone who's ever thrilled to the Marvel mystique, who's ever shared the fun and excitement of the most renowned super hero sagas, "MARVEL" is an adventure into rediscovery and a cornucopia of memories! It even contains a glowing introduction by yours truly, but hey, nothing's perfect!

Okay, I kept my word! I didn't tell you to buy the big, magnificent, treasure trove of comics called "MARVEL, Five Fabulous Decades of the World's Greatest Comics!" But after you see it, I dare you not to!

Excelsior!

Stan Lee

Change. It's all around us. Not just the kind that you find in your pockets or on the sidewalks. We're talking about the types of change you find in *life*. Change affects all of us in our everyday lives, from the highest big shot smarty pants executive, all the way down to the lowliest most humble working stiff. Here at Marvel, we like to think we're part of the great galactic food chain, just producing our share of consumables to prevent us from being consumed. And as you can imagine, a company of our size goes through a lot of changes.

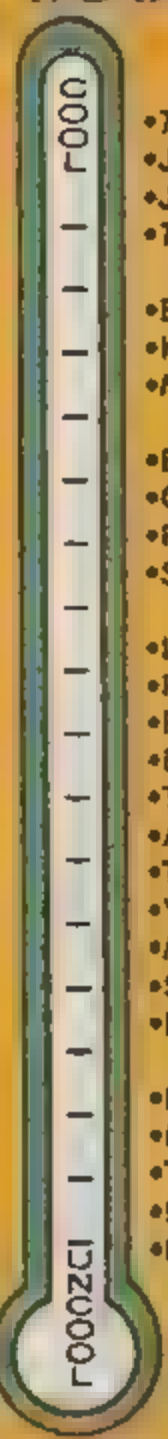
Just as Col. Blake was replaced by Col. Potter . . . just as Mr. Roper was replaced by Mr. Furley . . . just as Dick Sargent was replaced by Dick York (or was it the other way around? We never could get that straight.) so, too, do changes occur here in the Marvel offices.

Sometimes all it takes is for one guy to leave, and that sets off a flurry of movement, a burst of motion, a sudden gust of activity, with winds up to 90 miles per hour. It all started when AVENGERS editor **Howard Mackie,** who may already be a winner in the Publishers' Clearinghouse Giveaway, announced he was going freelance. Since Howard's GHOST RIDER series has proven to be the hottest thing since tofutti, Howard felt the time was right to bolt from his staff position like a motorcyclist out of Hades.

As soon as he found out Howard was on the verge of leaving, **Len Kaminski,** who is not a doctor but he plays one on TV, skedaddled over to the office of **Ralph Macchio** (who is quick with a joke or a light of your smoke). This necessitated Howard hiring a new assistant, **Richard Ashford,** who speaks two languages — British and English. With Howard out of the picture, Richard was left without a boss. Since most of Howard's books were going to **Nel Yomtov,** who never could tell which one was Starsky and which one was Hutch, Richard decided he would go with them and he wound up as Nel's assistant.

In all the hubbub, **Tom Brevoort,** who's never seen a purple cow (and hopes he never sees one) was promoted to managing editor, with **Sarra Mossoff** (who'd rather see than be one) signing on as *his* assistant. Tom is now responsible for MARVEL MASTERWORKS and the all-new monthly DEATHLOK series. **Kelly Corvese** (who didn't understand *Twin Peaks*, but thinks he's finally figured out who shot J.R.) was also promoted to Managing Editor, and one of his first projects will be launching an all-new LUKE CAGE series! With Kelly moving out, this left **Terry Kavanagh,** who has been alive forever and wrote the very first song, without an assistant. So Terry hired former editorial assistant **Mark Powers,** who, say what you will about him, at least he got the trains to run on time.

AUGUST COOLOMETER



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- THE COSBY SHOW
- NUCLEAR WINTER
- McLEAN STEVENSON

Somewhere in the middle of all this commotion, **Glenn Herdling,** who if he could walk that way wouldn't need the talcum powder, was promoted to Submissions Editor. Beaming aboard as his assistant was **Pat Garrahy,** who remembers only *you* can prevent forest fires. Glenn and Pat will also be working on custom comics, and the semi-regular DESTROYER series (which works out well, as both Glenn and Pat are semi-regular kinds of guys).

Amidst all this hoopla, we bid a fond farewell to staff letterer supreme **Chris Eliopolous,** who's badder than old King Kong and meaner than a junkyard dog. Chris, too, has joined Howard Mackie in the wild and wacky world of freelance. Taking Chris's place on staff was **John Babcock,** who would like to both swing on a star and carry Moonbeams home in a jar . . . if only he could find a big enough jar.

We also bid a fond farewell to Bullpenner **Bettie Ringma,** who could run the fifty yard dash in under an hour. Bettie's replacement is **Fung Ming Ma,** who hails from Hong Kong, and walks softly but carries a big stick. Fung Ming picked a good time to join the Marvel staff, since many of your favorite Bullpenners will be appearing in this month's issue of SPIDER-MAN (#15)! This issue features the Impossible Man, who has always wanted his own comic book, and will stop at nothing to get it! Spidey's in there, too, of course, trying to stop Impy from destroying the Marvel offices! There are plenty of surprise guests, who are so offbeat, we couldn't even begin to name them! (Toxic Avenger, Night Cat — ooops, sorry. We couldn't resist.) But wait — you haven't heard the best part yet. The cover of each issue of SPIDER-MAN #15 will be individually numbered! No two will be exactly the same! There will only be several hundred thousand copies printed, so you'll have to act fast to get one of each! Collect them all!

In closing, we'll note one final change that recently occurred.

It was with heavy hearts and heavy hands that we said goodbye to the NEW MUTANTS after its 100th issue. Alas, the book had stopped living up to its title after issue one. Clearly something had to be done. And so it is with great pomp and circumstance that this month we introduce the all-new X-FORCE #1, thus fulfilling our postal obligation to have at least four titles beginning with the letter "X." Each copy of X-FORCE #1 will include one of four different trading cards, so you may want to consider taking a second job. You're going to need extra income by the time the all-new X-MEN #1 comes out in August!

Remember, you don't have to buy one copy of *every* Marvel Comic every month . . . but it sure helps!

FOLKS, WE'RE COMING TO YOU LIVE FROM THE GRIDDLE LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME! IT'S BEEN A CLOSE ONE! THE THREE MOONS HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO BREAK THIS 3-3 TIE N SPITE OF THEIR YOUNG SUPERSTAR! IT'S THE BOTTOM OF THE NINTH--TWO OUTS--AND THE PLAYER OF THE YEAR, RONNIE, COMING TO THE PLATE! TENSION IN THIS BALLPARK IS SO THICK YOU COULD SLICE IT WITH A KNIFE!

SLICE...

"THE CROWD GROWS SILENT AS RON STEPS IN... THE PITCHER STAIRS HIM DOWN...

500 FT

THE RONNIE YUM! BAR STREW!

WATCH YOUR STEP!

"HERE'S THE WIND-UP...

GRAND

GRAND

GRAND

"...AND THE PITCH...

MY CURVEGLOB HAS MUCH LIVELIER ACTION WITH NEW, IMPROVED "BETTER BATTER!"

ON THE AIR!

BETTER BATTER

BETTER BATTER FAMILY SIZE

"A HOMER WOULD WIN IT FOR THE THREE MOONS... RON SWINGS... HE CONNECTS! IT'S A DEEP DRIVE!!...

SWATT!

IT'S ZWIEBACK, FOLKS... GOING, GOING

HOORAH!

GLON

STATS

MORE STATS

VITAL STATS

STATS ALL, FOLKS!

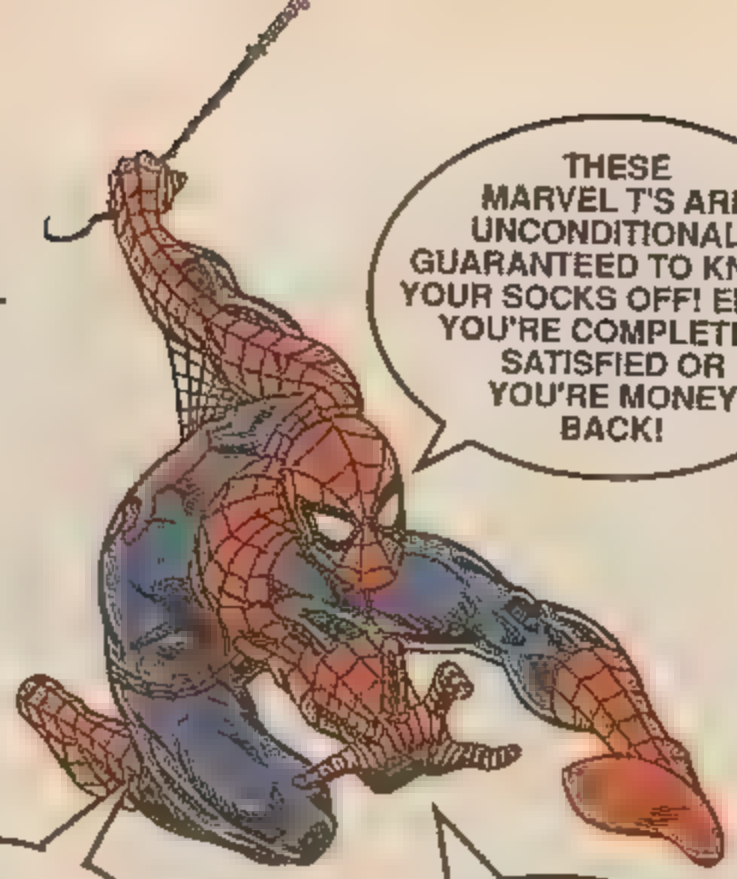
7.

MARVEL MAXI-PRINTS!

THE LATEST MUTATION IN T-SHIRTS!

In a never ending quest to develop the ultimate T's, our obsessed, mutant artist has transformed the entire shirt into his canvas! These Marvel Maxi's are the bottom line in cosmic style. Don't wait, don't compromise, mutate your wardrobe today!

AND REMEMBER...



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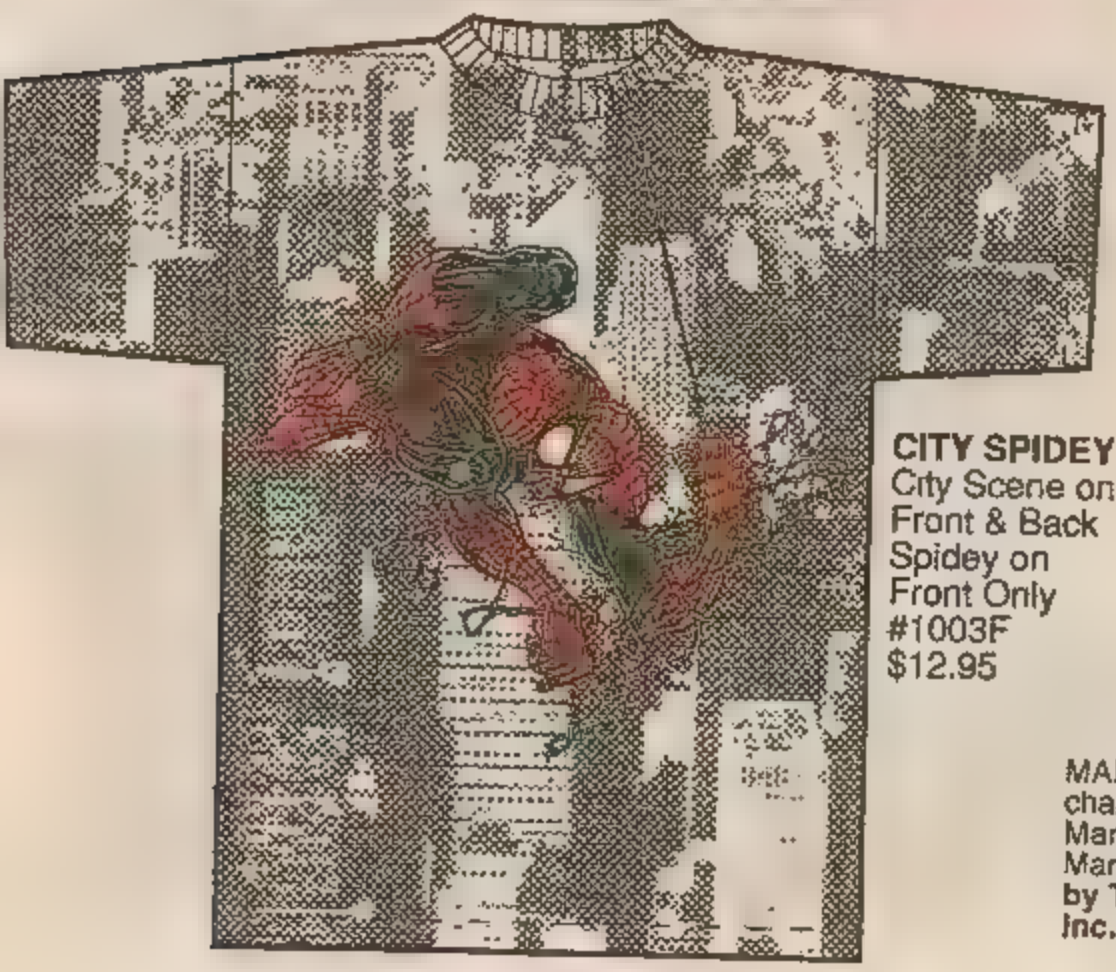

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WHAT A SHOCKER! FRYING PANDEMONIUM ERUPTED! EVERYONE TOSSED THEIR HATS INTO THE AIR...

WHEE YAHOO! RON-NEE!! RON-NEE! YEEEEE-HAW!!

BUT THE BIGGEST SHOCK OF ALL CAME WHEN RON-- MAKE THAT RHONDA, TOSSED HIS... er... HERS!

HOW DO YOU LIKE ME NOW, BOYS?

GHASP!!

HOLY CON!!

HE'S A HERO!!

RONNIE'S--

A--

GIRL!!

I DISGUISED MYSELF TO PROVE THAT MEMBERS OF MY GENDER COULD COMPETE IN THIS LEAGUE! PLUS I WANTED TO GET TO KNOW GORDON... YOU'RE CUTE!

POP!

POP!

HOMINA HOMINA HOMINA...

THE YOUNG LADY'S RIGHT!

OOP!

BEP!

I SUPPOSE SO--IF YOU LOOK BEYOND THE PRE-ADOLESCENT ACNE...

HUSH UP, BOY... LOOK WHO IT IS!!

WOW!

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IT'S BOUILLABASEBALL COMMISIONER PETE NOZELLE! WITH THE M.V.P. TROPHY!

MY DEAR RHONDA...WE ARE BEHIND THE TIMES...BUT YOU'VE PROVEN THAT GIRLS HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO PLAY THIS GAME! FROM GRIDDLE LEAGUE RIGHT UP TO THE MAJORS!

PLEASE ACCEPT THIS TROPHY, WHICH THIS YEAR SHOULD STAND FOR "MOST VALUABLE PIONEER!"

CHOCOLATE CHIP, CHIP... HOORAA-AAY!!

10-Q!

AND CONGRATULATIONS, THREE MOONERS! YOU MAY NOW GIVE EACH OTHER THE TRADITIONAL "WINNERS' NOSE NIBBLE!"

CHOMP GNAW CRUNCH

NEEDLESS TO SAY, WHEN RHONDA AND MY SNOOTS MET, IT WAS LOVE AT FIRST BITE!

SO, YOU CAN SEE THAT BADGERING BRIAN WON'T SOLVE HIS INCALCUABLE INEPTITUDE!

ALF, FOR ONCE YOU TOLD A GOOD STORY, BUT THAT'S HARDLY THE MORAL I GOT OUT OF IT...

BESIDES, WE WERE DOING NOTHING OF THE KIND...

ALL WE WANT HIM TO DO IS SHOW US HOW TO PROGRAM THE VCR TO TAPE ONE SHOW WHILE WE WATCH ANOTHER...

:SIGH: FOR THE TWO HUNDREDTH TIME...OKAY...

WE'LL REMEMBER THIS TIME, BRI... PROMISE!

FIRST YOU SELECT THE DESIRED INPUT...

WELL, I SURE PUT MY FOOT IN IT THAT TIME...AND WHAT ARE YOU SNICKERING AT?...

OH, I SUPPOSE YOU FIND MY HUMILIATION AMUSING?

WELL, LET'S SEE HOW FUNNY YOU THINK IT IS IN THE SHOWER!!...

NOW SET THE TIMER...

YOU'RE OUTTA HERE!!

PUM

THE END

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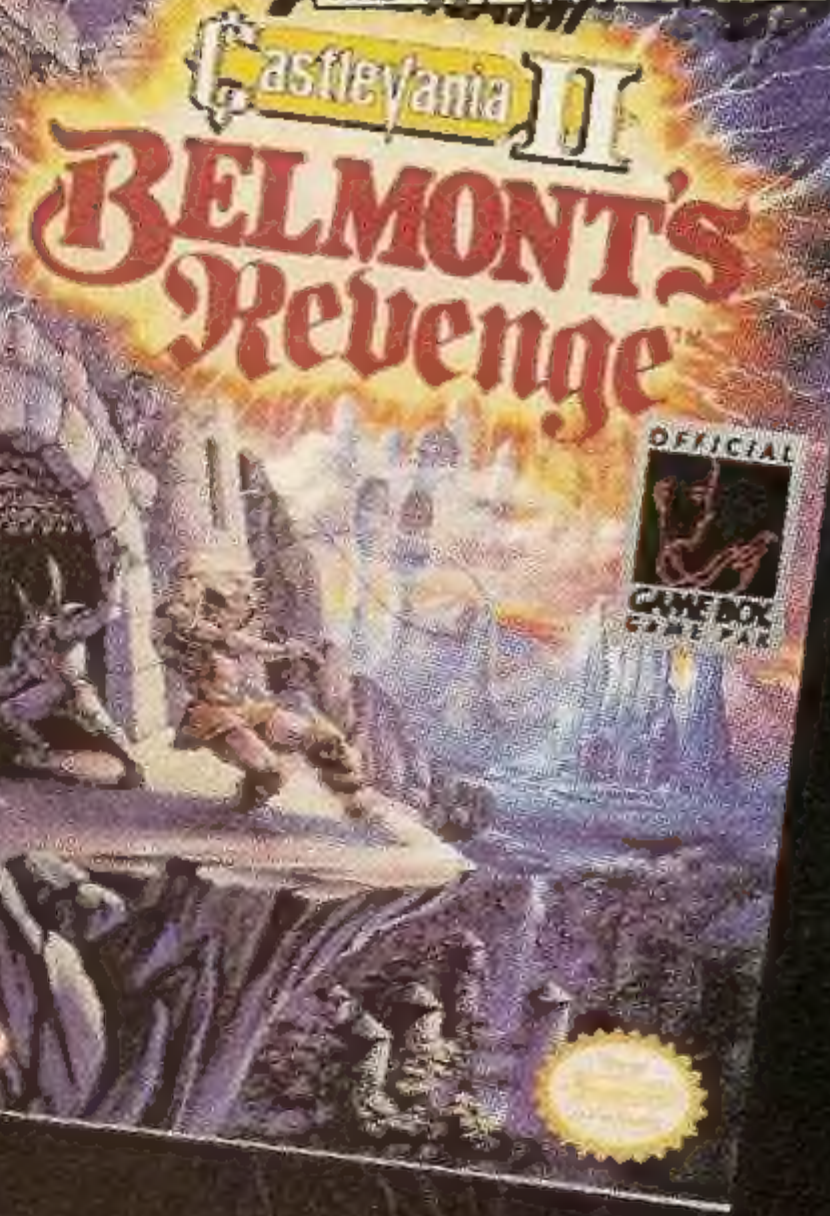

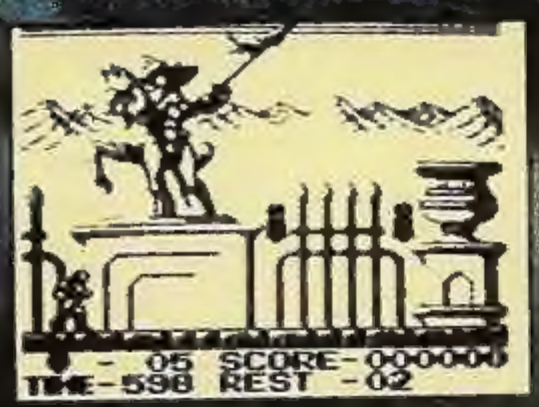

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